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COMMUNISTS CHANGE INDOCTRINATION METHODS, SCORE PREJUDICE AGAINST ILLITERATES

INDOCTRINATION MUST INTEREST WORKERS -- Nodong Sinmun, 2 Feb 50

The instructors of the cell lecture-classes of the North Korean Labor Party's branch headquarters in the Munp'yong Zinc Factory in Hamgyong Namdo are endeavoring to grasp the true conditions of each cell which they guide, with the idea of "establishing a definite connection between the lectures and the livelihood of our comrades."

In our factory, 80 percent of the cell instructors are self-indoctrinated persons; a few are graduates of the Central Party School or the Sadong Leadership Training School. Although these instructors are academically prepared to guide our comrades, they lack the practical approach. For one thing, they tend to overlook the diverse nature of our factory workers who in the past represented all walks of life, ranging from farmers to migratory laborers. Consequently, these instructors have no precise idea as to the varying mental levels of our comrades. The situation thus forced our branch headquarters to study the past results of the lecture classes, and reorganize the programs in the light of the above facts.

For example, we have found that our comrades have not been able to comprehend some of the political terms. We have learned, also, that the daily workshop experiences of workers must be carefully woven into the lectures to arouse the students' interest. The instructors must not separate the lectures from the workshops if they are to obtain cooperation from the class. In conducting the class, the instructor must be sympathetic, praising the model workers for their devotion, while at the same time being considerate towards the comrades who lag.

After revamping the method, the results of the lectures have been much more satisfactory. The instructors now understand the comrades' true state of mind quickly and accurately, and transmit to them precisely the current political demands of our country, and instill in them the significance of their role in the People's Economic Program. We can now guide their struggle towards the right direction for our Fatherland.

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PREJUDICE HINDERS PARTY EXPANSION -- Nodong Sinmun, 2 Feb 50

The Party initiates' group of the North Korean Labor Party at the Saeng-giyong Coal Mine in Hamgyong Pukto made a feeble start. Its programs for party development and the indoctrination of new members have been entirely too weak ever since the group was founded. In September 1949 this group sent committee members to the cells to find out what they were doing. The committee simply made a routine check. Thereafter, no similar attempts were made, nor was any meeting held until January 1950, the first time in a year.

It has been noticed that some cells have not added a single member to their rolls in recent years. The reasons appear to be the prejudice against illiterate workers, and the exclusionist attitude of the older cell members. Some of the old members say, "Of course we know we have some diligent workers in our workshops, but some of them are so illiterate that we feel ashamed to accept them as party members."

This kind of attitude is inexcusable, for it is the party's responsibility to educate illiterate workers. Since the illiterates are generally hard workers, and at the same time are simple minded, not only will they be an invaluable asset to the party but they will be the most reliable elements if they are admitted as members. On the other hand, prejudice of this sort invites antagonism among individuals which may lead to the danger of class struggles.

It appears that the members of the Party initiates' group of the Saenggiyong Coal Mine basically lack the cooperative spirit. We must thoroughly reeducate these people if we are to prevent the class struggle incited by their dangerous prejudices.

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